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Naomi Campbell

A Night of Champagne & Haute Couture

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Legendary model Naomi Campbell and international top model Gemma Ward bring San Franciscans a first glimpse at the collections of some of America's leading designers at the Festival Pavilion Thursday, March 15.

Sports, entertainment, and media company IMG — a major producer of Fashion Weeks around the world — offers elements of the Fall 2007 collection of as many as 60 designers. Names bandied about include Michael Kors, Oscar De La Renta, Zac Posen, Peter Som and Bill Blass.

Campbell, whose modeling career spans two decades, was the first black supermodel to appear on the covers of *TIME* magazine as well as British and French *Vogue*. Campbell has launched six successful fragrances and a cosmetic line.

Ward is the face of Calvin Klein's fragrance, Obsession Night, and appears in ads for Dolce & Gabbana, Karl Lagerfeld, and Valentino.

The evening event includes a special champagne reception and pre-event cocktails in the Pavilion before the runway show begins.

For more information check the March 15 calendar listing and visit www.fashionweeklive.com. — *RT*

Dance Ensembles Engage & Inspire

▶ COWELL THEATER

Performances by emerging Bay Area dancers, world premieres by popular choreographers, East-meets-West ensembles, and visionary ballets all grace Fort Mason's Cowell Theater this March.

Celebrating today's up-and-coming Bay Area choreographers, high school dancers, and instructors, **Dance Repertory** and the California Dance Education Association present the Eighth Annual Vision Series Dance Festival on March 4 and 11. See new works by some of the area's most talented and diverse artists while supporting the development of young aspiring dancers. For more about the festival, see the March 4 calendar listing or visit www.dancerepertory.org.

For two consecutive weekends beginning March 9 and 10, **Janice Garrett & Dancers** storm the Cowell Theater stage with world premieres of two new works by artistic director Janice Garrett — *Archimedes' Revenge* and *10 Studies on the Vicissitudes of Grief*. As an added bonus, the performance also includes the San Francisco premiere of guest choreographer Charles Moulton's *Chickens*, a hilarious commentary on being different. For further event information, see the March 9 calendar listing or visit www.janicegarrettanddancers.org.

On the weekend of March 24 and 25, **Carmen Carnes Dance Ensemble** presents the world premiere of *Myth and Machine*, plus the audience favorite *Circle, Cycle, Spiral and Stream*. This gifted dance company collaborates with moving sculpture artist Sha Sha Higby, the boundary-pushing Balinese orchestra Gamelan Anak Swarasanti, celebrated visual designer Patty Anne Farrell, and award-winning poet Emily Kischell. In *Myth and Machine*, Carnes blends Eastern and Western dance forms to take us on a journey from the beginnings of human culture to the hectic technology-infused lives we lead today. For more about the performance, see the March 24 calendar listing or visit www.carmencarnesdance.org.

Carmen Carnes Dance Ensemble Sha Sha Higby PHOTO: ALBERT HOLLANDER

To help raise funds for the National Brain Tumor Foundation, famed Spanish dancer-choreographer **La Tania** brings her flamenco artistry back to the Cowell Theater the weekend of March 31 and April 1. Joining her in Spring Dance Inspiration 2007, international and local Bay Area dancers perform in a variety of innovative styles, and Yoko Watanabe collaborates with the Russian Original Ballet Theatre in two original full-length performances, *Blue Legend* and *Marimo*. For more about the show, see the March 31 calendar listing or visit www.tkfproductions.com. — *AL*

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Fort Mason Center's Mission

To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

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RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

BUILD IT & PEOPLE WILL COME & GO... Several of the world's best architects met at Fort Mason Center recently to begin the competitive process for a new Transbay Terminal design. Some of the internationally renowned architects are **Sir Richard Rogers**, **Cesar Pelli**, **Sir Norman Foster**, **Santiago Calatrava** and San Francisco-based **Skidmore Owings and Merrill**. **Jon King**, *San Francisco Chronicle* writer, said that "San Francisco and the Bay Area have the chance to benefit from some of the most ingenious and far-sighted minds in architecture."

FLATTERY WILL GET YOU EVERYWHERE..."Chicago, Dallas, Houston, and San Francisco are among the most fashion savvy cities in the world...." So said IMG Fashion Vice President **Fern Mallis** referring to the company's production of "Fashion Week Live" at the Festival Pavilion this month. Mega-models **Naomi Campbell** and **Gemma Ward** are among those on the runway.

FIRE OR NO FIRE, THE SHOW MUST GO ON... When an arsonist caused a four-alarm blaze to strike the **Eureka Theatre** 25 years ago, the company crossed town to find temporary haven here. Both the **Magic Theatre** and **People's Theatre** offered space for their performances of *The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs*, by **David Edgar**. Meanwhile ***Martin Epstein*** had two one-acts going at the Magic.

SUNDAY POETS... Two decades ago on a March Sunday, FMC hosted "Poets of the Cloth," an evening of poetry by **Gerard Manley Hopkins**, **Thomas Merton**, **William Everson** and **Ernesto Cardenal**. And for something completely different, **Michael McClure's'** Obie-winning *The Beard*, an erotic and subliminal battle of the sexes between **Billy the Kid** and **Jean Harlow**, played at the Magic.

IF YOU WANT YOUR OWN CRYSTAL BALL...Jerry Tomlinson, producer of the **Great San Francisco Crystal Fair**, celebrated the fair's 20th anniversary last month with their show in the Conference Center. For those unfamiliar with what a crystal fair might be, from their own web site, it is "...a magical mix of crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry, and the healing arts."

NOT YOUR AVERAGE WINE BAR CROWD... Close to 9,000 people sampled the zinfandel at **ZAP's** big wine tasting at the **Festival Pavilion** recently. That's a lot of zin. Fort Mason Center is a place for all sorts of events. Most recently, we're told more and more people are having their weddings and receptions here. The **Golden Gate Room**, with its big windows opening out to the Marina, and the **Firehouse**, right on the bay, are favorite venues. We've even seen the bride and groom pose for photos near the Firehouse with a spectacular view of **Alcatraz** in the background. Incidentally, one of the best views of the arriving *Queen Mary 2* was at the end of the Center's Festival Pavilion. — *Staff*

The French & Their Wines — Two Tasting Events

▸ FESTIVAL PAVILION & CONFERENCE CENTER, BUILDING A

French Wine Affaire

Wine on St. Patrick's Day? Why not? This is San Francisco. On Saturday March 17 the **Rhone Rangers** hold a gala that includes an auction and tasting at the San Francisco Film Centre in the Presidio to kick off the celebration of Rhone Valley wines to be held here the next day.

On Sunday, March 18 the doors of the Festival Pavilion open to the public so everyone can sample Rhone varietals from more than 120 Rhone Ranger member wineries and artisan food products from Bay Area producers.

This is the tenth year the nonprofit organization, Rhone Rangers, has brought the Grand Tasting to wine lovers in the Bay Area. They promote 22 grape varieties, including the better-known syrah and viognier and the increasingly familiar mourvèdre, grenache, and roussanne as well as the more obscure counoise, bourboulenc, and picpoul. The Rhones are known to be fine matches for California cuisine.

For more information on the Tenth Annual Rhone Rangers San Francisco Wine Tasting, check the March 18 calendar listing and visit www.rhonerangers.org.

More French wine? Yes. Please. Earlier in March — Sunday, March 4 to be precise — you can take a wine tour of France, though all you have to do is stroll around Fort Mason Center's Conference Center. The event is the **French Wine Affaire** San Francisco 2007 and it features more than 150 wines from every major French wine region — from Alsace to Burgundy and everything in between. Enjoy a gourmet buffet of hors d'oeuvres and fine cheeses as well as great French wines.

To learn more check the March 4 calendar and visit www.frenchwinesociety.org. — *RT*

'Bot Blurs The Human-Machine Divide

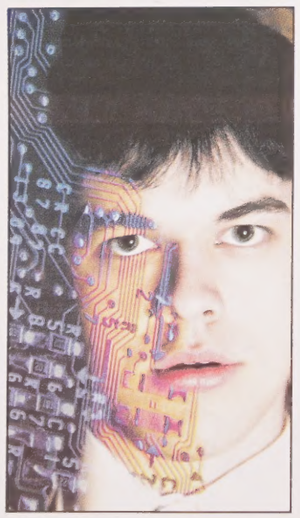
▸ MAGIC THEATRE, BUILDING D

Magic Theatre's 40th Anniversary Season continues with the March 3 world premiere of the futuristic *'Bot* by award-winning playwright C. Michèle Kaplan.

As the final installment in Magic's Hot House '07 series, *'Bot* takes us headlong into the debate over the role of science in our lives and what kind of society we want to create. The play explores these issues through the story of Charlie, a teenage computer genius whose obsession with technology allows him to cross the perceived boundary between humans and machines. With his parents too consumed by their high-powered urban lives to realize the implications of his work, Charlie makes a choice on his own that transforms their lives and world forever.

Kaplan's plays have been produced in the US and South Africa and have garnered numerous awards. She won a Chesterfield Film Writer's Fellowship and later wrote the teleplay for *Mother Teresa: In the Name of God's Poor*, also nominated for a Humanitas Award. More recently, she was an artist-in-residence at New York Stage and Film, and in 2004 she directed the world premiere of her play *Jocasta Rising*, which was produced at Artscape Theater in South Africa.

For those wishing to delve into the issues raised by *'Bot*, a panel takes place prior to the March 21 performance, and Q&A sessions with staff and artists follow each show on March 16, 23, and 30. *'Bot* was developed at the Magic as part of the Science on Stage reading series with support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Martha Heasley Cox Raw Play Series.



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For more about *'Bot* and a schedule of showtimes, see the March 3 calendar listing or visit www.magictheatre.org. — *AL*

Printmaking For All Ages

▸ FORT MASON FOUNDATION MAIN OFFICE LOBBY, BUILDING A

For more than two decades the San Francisco Children's Art Center (SFCAC) has stimulated the artistic imagination of young people at Fort Mason Center. Through a process-oriented approach to art education, the center teaches and inspires children as young as two years old to explore and create. Although students are guided in the use of materials and techniques, the emphasis is not on the finished product. It is the process of creating that is most valued. The SFCAC is not so much a place where a child learns how to make art, but rather how to express his or her own personal artistic vision.

Throughout this month a very special exhibit is on display in the Fort Mason Foundation's main office lobby. "Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages" is an exhibit of prints made at SFCAC by two- to twelve-year-olds. Working with a mix of materials — from watercolors to string — the students have experimented with line, layers, color, and texture to create pieces that are tactile as well as visual. Each print stands on its own as an example of SFCAC's singular approach to art education.

See "Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages" from February 26 to April 6. There is a reception on March 14. See the March 14 calendar listing for details and visit www.childrensartcenter.org for information on the SFCAC. — *JR*

Marketplace Features 200 Craftspeople

▸ FESTIVAL PAVILION

The Contemporary Crafts Market, open March 10 and 11, at the Festival Pavilion features hand-thrown ceramics, intricate jewelry, unique glassware, vintage-inspired textiles, wearable art, wood and glass furniture, as well as leather and metal creations.

"The crafts market has grown exponentially in recent years," said Market founder Roy Helms. "The interest in unique arts and crafts is most likely due to the desire to break away from the ordinary and average."

Row after row of booths presenting the best one-of-a-kind works of arts, some functional, some decorative, line the vast pavilion. Participating artists are selected through a jury process, and all items must be handmade.

"The artists involved in this show," Helms said, "offer individuality to the consumer — presenting crafts that are unique, hand-made, and of exceptional quality."

Other quality marketplaces at Fort Mason Center this month include:

Gem Faire
March 16-18, Herbst Pavilion

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale
March 16-25, Building D

Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale
March 30-April 1, Herbst Pavilion

Great San Francisco Crystal Fair
March 24 & 25, Conference Center

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale
March 9-11, Conference Center

Jim Caldwell Art Show
March 31 & April 1, Conference Center

Check the calendar for details on these special March shows. — *RT*

Pictured on Page 1 Cloisonné Enamel Pendant by Anna Tai PHOTO: GEORGE POST

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THURSDAY 1

Wellness Group Group meeting focuses on wellness & personal growth. Ongoing Tue&Thur 5:15pm FREE Gatehouse (916) 376-1071

● **Hot House '07** Magic Theatre's popular concept returns. Three world premiere plays are presented in rotating repertory. Through 4/1 Days & times vary. $45-$26/tkt (Previews $25-$20) $90/three play series, Sliding Scale Wed FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

Pleasure & Pain Magic Theatre Associate Artistic Director Jessica Heidt directs playwright Chantal Bilodeau's sexy, suspenseful thriller about a woman coming to the realization that there can be no pleasure without pain. 2/10-3/31 Wed-Sun

Rust In this biting comedy by Kirsten Greenidge, a black superstar football player learns to play the game on his own terms. Raelle Myrick-Hodges directs. Previews 2/17-23 Run of the play 2/24-4/1 Wed-Sun

'Bot C. Michèle Kaplan's story of a teenager's world-changing vision is directed by Magic Theatre Artistic Director Chris Smith. Previews 3/3-9 Run of the play 3/10-4/1 Wed-Sun

FRIDAY 2

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe presents the 2007 Long Form Festival w/audience favorites, new offerings & special guests. Each Sunday, BATS advanced students perform as the Sunday Players. 3/2-31 Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm $20-$5 ($18-$5 adv, except 3/9) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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Double Feature 3/3

Sunday Players Masters Of Micetro 3/4&11

Special Guest: Three For All 3/9

The Life Game 3/10

Special Guest: True Fiction Magazine 3/16

The Irish Play 3/17

Sunday Players Spring Theatresports Tournament 3/18&25

Tales Of The Unknown 3/23

Make Your Own Musical 3/24

I ♥ Teen Angst 3/30

Improvised Murder Mystery 3/31

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

SATURDAY 3

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

● **James & The Giant Peach** Join James & his insect friends on their amazing adventures inside a giant peach. 3/3-25 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $9-$6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Alvarado School Not So Silent Auction Annual fundraiser supporting this SF public school's art & education programs. Silent & live auctions featuring hundreds of goods, services & original art. Food, beverages & music complete the evening. 7-11pm $20 ($15 adv) Bldg A www.alvarado school.net (415) 648-6158

Góralska Muzyka: The Polish Highlanders In their only Bay Area appearance, the virtuoso string & voice quartet from Chicago performs traditional music from the Polish Tatra Mountains, plus music from Hungary, Moravia, Romania & Slovakia. The quartet is joined by a dance duo from the Podhale region. 8pm $20 ($15 adv) Firehouse www.polishfolk.net (415) 285-4336

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● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

Janice Garrett & Dancers see 3/9 PHOTO: RJ MUNA

SUNDAY 4

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

French Wine Affaire The inaugural event launching the SF chapter of the French Wine Society. Select from more than 150 French wines, gourmet hors d'oeuvres & fine cheeses. 1-4pm $65 reg rec Bldg A www.frenchwinesociety.org (650) 654-3355

Discover Italy Sunday Frank Roselli, a *Marchigiano* born & educated in the region, presents "Le Marche: The Next Tuscany?" 2/25&3/4 Sun 2:30-4:30pm FREE res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Vision Series Dance Festival 2007 Dance Repertory presents more than 200 performers from 12 Bay Area high schools & 12 professional companies & colleges in a festival of artistic exchange, support & ideas. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 3/4&11 Sun 7:30pm $18-$10 ($15-$8 group rate) Cowell Theater www.dancerepertory.org (415) 345-7575

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See Ongoing Programs

TUESDAY 6

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WEDNESDAY 7

Wednesday Night At The Movies The popular Italian film series continues. All films are in Italian w/English subtitles. Through 3/14 Wed 6:30pm $10 Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

White Nights Luchino Visconti 2/21

Bell'Antonio Mauro Bolognini 2/28

The Job Ermanno Olmi 3/7

The Battle of Algiers Gillo Pontecorvo 3/14

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● **Hot House '07**

FRIDAY 9

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Hi Ho Silver SF offers high-quality sterling silver jewelry & items imported directly from Taxco & Cuernavaca, Mexico. Unusual designs, high quality & great prices. Many items are discounted. 3/9-11 Fri&Sun 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-4:30pm FREE adm Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

● **Janice Garrett & Dancers** Hailed by *Dance* magazine as one of the "top 25 to watch," the troupe celebrates its fifth anniversary w/two world premiers, two repertory favorites & a SF premiere by guest choreographer Charles Moulton. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 3/9&10 Fri&Sat 3/15-18 Thur-Sun 8pm $26-$18 ($20-$15 group rate) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.janicegarrettanddancers.org (415) 345-7575

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore
Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org/book baystore.html (415) 771-1076

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus
Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

Classes See Classes & Workshops

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby
Daily 9am-8pm FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visualarts (415) 441-3400

Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages An exhibition of art from students ages two through 12 from Fort Mason Center resident the SF Children's Art Center. 2/26-4/6 www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Artists' Reception 3/14 Wed 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm

Long Now Foundation
The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Tue-Fri 11am-7pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm FREE adm Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Museo ItaloAmericano
Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Rorschach Italians: Mixed Media By Paula Metallo & San Francisco Bay Views: Paintings By Richard I. Perri 2/7-4/22

Discover Italy Sunday see 3/4

Wednesday Night At The Movies see 3/7

Leggiamo Insieme see 3/13

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)
Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only) FREE adm Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/research contact.htm (415) 561-7030

Finding The Galleon In The Dunes see 3/17

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery
Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

City Life: Artists Examine Urban Life Works by Michael Biscoe, Eileen David, Jessica Dunne, Maurice Lapp, Anthony Montanino, S. Newman, Norm Rosenberger, Cynde Valle, Charles Valoroso & Adam Vermeire. 3/14-4/13

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SATURDAY 10

Contemporary Crafts Market More than 200 artists show ceramics, jewelry, glassware, textiles & wearable art, wood & glass furniture, leather & metal creations & more at this annual juried event. 3/10&11 Sat&Sun 10am-5pm $7 (ages 12 & under FREE) Festival Pavilion www.craftsource.org (415) 995-4925

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● **James & The Giant Peach** see 3/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 3/4

Vision Series Dance see 3/4

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 3/9

Contemporary Crafts Market see 3/10

MONDAY 12

Z/Magic Mondays Magic Theatre & Z Space Studio team up for a series of work-in-progress plays by local playwrights. 8pm Call for cost Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

TUESDAY 13

Leggiamo Insieme Do you have a favorite book about Italy that you would like to discuss w/other Italophiles? Come to the Museo for a lively evening of conversation & refreshments. Call or e-mail the Museo w/the title of the book to be discussed. 7pm FREE res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org sf museo@sbcglobal.net (415) 673-2200

Word For Word: An Evening With Lorrie Moore Word For Word presents the critically acclaimed performance of author Lorrie Moore's story "Which Is More Than I Can Say About Some People" followed by a conversation w/the author moderated by Daniel "Lemony Snicket" Handler. A reception & book signing follows. The evening is a "Bon Voyage" benefit for Word For Word. 7:30pm $50-$35 Cowell Theater www.zspace.org (415) 345-7575

Wellness Group see 3/1

WEDNESDAY 14

Artists' Reception "City Life" — Ten artists examine urban life. 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

Artists' Reception "Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages" — An exhibit of prints by children ages two to 12. 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby Bldg A www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

Wednesday Night At The Movies see 3/7

THURSDAY 15

Fashion Week Live Supermodels Naomi Campbell & Gemma Ward headline this glamorous evening of fashion. See web site for time & ticket prices. Festival Pavilion www.fashionweeklive.com (866) 840-8822

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● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

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FRIDAY 16

Gem Faire Fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, minerals & more are available at this annual event — w/the lowest prices around. 3/16-18 Fri Noon-7pm Sat 10am-7pm Sun 10am-5pm $5/weekend Herbst Pavilion www.gemfaire.com (503) 252-8300

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale Charyn Auctions presents more than 1,000 works from the archives of the renowned SF & New York gallery. Paintings, lithographs & serigraphs from more than 300 artists are on sale. 3/16-25 Mon-Fri 1-6pm Sat&Sun 11am-4pm Free adm Bldg D www.charynauctions.com (800) 827-9799

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● **Janice Garrett & Dancers** see 3/9

SATURDAY 17

Psychic Healing Fair Psychic Horizons' students & graduates offer readings & healings. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

Finding The Galleon In The Dunes Maritime historian & nautical archeologist Ed Von der Porten tells of the three expeditions to uncover the story of the Manila galleon *San Felipe*, wrecked on the Baja California coast in 1576. 6pm $5 res req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 561-7040

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SUNDAY 18

Rhone Rangers Grand Tasting Sample Rhone wine varietals from more than 120 Rhone Ranger member wineries & artisan food products from Bay Area producers at this annual event. 1:30-4pm $55 ($45 adv) Festival Pavilion www.rhonerangers.org (415) 345-7575

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Food Addicts In Recovery see 3/4

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Gem Faire see 3/16

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

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Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

TUESDAY 20

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour See the award-winning adventure films & videos from the 2006 festival in Banff, Alberta, Canada at this event sponsored by REI. 3/20&21 Tue&Wed 7pm $16 Cowell Theater www.rei.com (415) 345-7575

Wellness Group see 3/1

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

WEDNESDAY 21

Astrology Lecture "Welcome to Planet X!" w/Jack Fertig. 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

Banff Mountain Film Festival see 3/20

THURSDAY 22

Wellness Group see 3/1

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

FRIDAY 23

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

SATURDAY 24

Great SF Crystal Fair Select from 40 vendors of crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry & metaphysical healing tools at this dazzling fair. 3/24&25 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm $5 (under 12 FREE w/adult) Bldg A www.crystalfair.com (415) 383-7837

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

● **Carmen Carnes Dance Ensemble** For their inaugural home season, the ensemble presents the world premiere of "Myth & Machine" w/guest artists Sha Sha Higby & Gamelan Anak Swarasanti. Audience favorite "Circle, Cycle, Spiral & Stream" is also on the program. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 3/24&25 Sat&Sun 8pm $25 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.carmencarnesdance.org (415) 345-7575

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

Alcoholics Anonymous see 3/3

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 3/3

● **James & The Giant Peach** see 3/3

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

SUNDAY 25

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

● **James & The Giant Peach** see 3/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 3/4

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 3/16

Great SF Crystal Fair see 3/24

● **Carmen Carnes Dance** see 3/24

MONDAY 26

See Ongoing Programs

TUESDAY 27

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or film, placement w/a recording artist, or for an artist development deal. 7-10pm $5 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FOR-SONG

Wellness Group see 3/1

WEDNESDAY 28

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

THURSDAY 29

SF Astrological Society "Kill Your Television" w/Jessica Murray. 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

Wellness Group see 3/1

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

FRIDAY 30

Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale The largest show of its kind in San Francisco features many of America's finest antique dealers exhibiting a vast array of high quality antiques, fine art, furniture, jewelry, timepieces, porcelains, bronzes, silver, art glass, crystal, folk art, quilts, rugs & more. 3/30-4/1 Fri&Sat 11am-7pm Sun 11am-5pm $7 (ages 12 & under FREE) Herbst Pavilion www.bustamante-shows.com (209) 358-3134

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

SATURDAY 31

Ode To The Valley Oak: Paintings By Jim Caldwell Bay Area artist Caldwell, best known for his California landscapes, dedicates an exhibit to the state's mighty oak trees. Also featured are seascapes of the San Mateo coast & Tomales Bay. 3/31&4/1 Sat&Sun 11am-3pm FREE adm Bldg A www.jimcaldwellart.com (650) 851-3353

Spring Dance Inspiration 2007 Local favorite La Tania of Spain heads a lineup of international & local dancers in a benefit performance for the National Brain Tumor Foundation. 3/31&4/1 Sat&Sun 7pm $35-$18 ($50/2 days) Cowell Theater www.tkfproductions.com (415) 345-7575

● **Hot House '07** see 3/1

● **BATS Improv** see 3/2

Alcoholics Anonymous see 3/3

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 3/3

Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale see 3/30

Spring Dance Inspiration 2007 see 3/31

Evening With Lorrie Moore see 3/13 PHOTO: JOYCE RAVID

Jim Caldwell Art Show "Oak With Meadow on Ridge" by Jim Caldwell see 3/31

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Jing Mo Athetic Assn see Martial Arts

Young Performers Theatre
See Children's Classes

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music see Performing Arts classes

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

Golden Gate Music Together Music/movement classes for infants-4 yrs w/parent or caregiver (required). Songs, dance, music, CD/tape & songbook incl. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for times, days & costs. Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 884-2710

Jing Mo Athletic Assn see Martial Arts classes

SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Ongoing enrollment for classes in all media. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

"Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages" exhibit through 4/6. See Fort Mason Center Main Office Lobby in Ongoing Programs.

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Acting Classes for children (ages 7-15), including Basic Magic, Creative Drama, How To Be Funny On Stage, Musical Theatre & others. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees.

Birthday Parties at YPT. Call or visit web site for details.

James & The Giant Peach see 3/3

EDUCATION

California & Pacific Wine This 3-session course showcases the delights & differences among the major wine growing regions of California & the Pacific Northwest. 3/22-4/5 Thu 7-9:30pm $299 ($269 adv) Bldg C www.pacrimwine.org (415) 839-5313

CCSF Continuing Education See web site for classes & schedule. Spring classes begin 2/5. Offices: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

ECHO Seminar Executive Council of Homeowners (ECHO) is a nonprofit membership corporation dedicated to educating California homeowners associations. 3/31 Sat 8am-2pm $35 Firehouse www.echo-ca.org (408) 297-3246

French Wine Class The French Wine Society, in partnership w/the Society of Wine Educators, offers a unique opportunity to increase your French wine knowledge & enjoyment. 3/12-26 Mon 6:45-8:15pm $180-$150 Bldg C www.frenchwinesociety.org (650) 654-3355

How To Find, Purchase & Finance A Home Liberate yourself from the rent cycle! This course from Zephyr Real Estate shows you — even in San Francisco — how to get financing, how to get offers accepted & how to get through the escrow process. 3/12 Mon 6:30-8:30pm FREE Bldg C www.fayedibachi.com (415) 577-0050

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this Traffic Violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs, see web site. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

Museo ItaloAmericano Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Notary Public Seminar Six-hour notary education course & California state exam. 3/24 Sat 8:30am-5pm $122.22 ($99.99 adv) & $40-$20 exam fee Bldg C www.notariesunlimited.com (800) 439-4909

Optimized Results Seminars led by Ian Blei designed to leverage your innate talents to achieve success. $30 ($25 adv) Gatehouse www.optimized-results.com (415) 826-0478

Optimize Your Communications 3/7 Wed 7-8:30pm

Leverage The Power Of You 3/13 Tue 7-8:30pm

Practical Philosophy Course offering practical guidance for anyone seeking self-realization & a deeper, more fulfilling life. 1/10-3/28 Wed 7-9:30pm $195/term, adv reg req, one-time guest drop-ins welcome Bldg C www.practicalphilosopher.org (925) 828-8695

Presidio School Of Management see Environment classes

Princeton Review Earn the highest scores you can on college admissions exams by preparing w/exceptional instructors & timely, challenging materials. Visit web site for course schedule. $1249 Bldg C www.princetonreview.com (800) 2Review (273-8439)

Public Speaking Workshop Techniques for natural, credible & effective delivery. 3/10 Sat 9am-4:30pm $125 Bldg C www.speaking-freely.com (415) 647-4700

The Real Estate Purchase Contract What are your duties, rights & responsibilities? Learn to draft a real estate purchase agreement the seller will accept without numerous counteroffers. Class taught by Kenneth B. Tsang, attorney & real estate broker. 3/24 Sat 10am-Noon FREE (incl continental breakfast) Bldg C www.tsanglaw.com (415) 543-3105

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy the wilderness while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Call or visit web site for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Presidio School Of Management Earn an MBA in Sustainable Management. The program integrates social & environmental values within every course. Since 2003, the school has succeeded as a collaborative learning community committed to human, natural & financial sustainability. See web site for courses, dates, times & cost. Bldg C www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6555

Solar Living Institute Workshops Learn a variety of skills & knowledge to live more sustainably and reduce your environmental impact. Bldg C www.solarliving.org (707) 744-2017

How To Make & Use Biodiesel 3/9 Fri 9am-5pm $108

Build Your Own Biodiesel Processor 3/10 Sat 9am-5pm $108

Find Your Dream Job In Biodiesel 3/11 Sun 9am-5pm $108

Investing For A Green Economy 3/17 Sat 9am-5pm $108

Global Cooling: Develop An Eco-Assessment & Action Plan 3/18 Sun 9am-5pm $85.50

Intro To LEED & Commercial Green Building 3/23 Fri 9am-5pm $108

Intro To Green Renovations 3/24 Sat 9am-5pm $108

Find Your Dream Job In Green Building 3/25 Sun 9am-5pm $108

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center You don't have to be sick to try a healing. Attend Aesclepion's spiritual healing clinic. Ongoing meetings Fri 7:30-9:30pm FREE Bldg C www.aesclepion.net (415) 453-6196

Art Of Living Course combines Sudarshan Kriya — a powerful breathing technique which brings a deep state of physical, mental, & emotional well-being — w/practical wisdom for getting the most out of life. 3/9-13 Fri, Mon&Tue 6:30-9:30pm, Sat&Sun 8:30am-4pm $375 Bldg A www.artofliving.org (415) 869-8777

Ayurvedic Specialist Program California College of Ayurveda offers state-approved certification in this ancient healing method from India. Ongoing classes Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

Breema: Nurture Yourself As You Support Others Nurturing & enlivening, Breema emphasizes that we best support others by being truly present w/them. Utilize harmonizing principles & movements to support a new availability to oneself & to life. 3/31 Sat 10am-1pm $30 Bldg C www.breema.com (510) 428-0937

Emotional Body Enlightenment General introduction to Emotional Body Enlightenment (EBE) and its relationship to Sacred Union & the Divine Human Experience. 3/21 Wed 7-9pm FREE Gatehouse www.theohumanity.org (510) 527-9124

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 27 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed&Fri ($8/class). Yoga & stretching Tue ($9). 9:30-10:45am Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Psychic Healing Clinic Psychic Horizons is the only personal transformation school that offers a practical & integrated approach to create what you want in your life — immediately. This weekend clinic provides an opportunity to get clarity on an issue, along w/a quick reading & healing by the students of the Clairvoyant Program. 3/17 Sat 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

● **Psychic Readings Day!** Come meet the clairvoyant readers, teachers & healers from the Academy For Psychic Studies. Lectures offered every half hour. 3/31 Sat Noon-4pm FREE adm Readings $10 ea or 3 for $25, FMC "Friends" 50% off one reading w/mbrs card Bldg C www.celestia.com (800) 642-9355

Quest Camp Afterschool Therapy Two-hour weekly group therapy program developed to improve self-esteem, behavior & social skills by learning techniques to change unproductive behaviors. 3/2-16 Fri 3:30-5:30pm $80/group Bldg C www.questcamps.com (925) 743-1370

Tian Gong Qi Gong Classes Providing people w/the means to heal themselves, others & the world, Tian Gong offers practices that fuse the ancient Chinese practice of Qi Gong & Universal energy healing traditions. Various dates, times & costs. Bldg C www.tiangong.org (415) 292-5117

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes for men & women. See website for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & up) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Sayoc Kali Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan trains warriors in edged weapons survival skills. Ongoing

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Sustainable Living Concepts

▶ MEETING & ACTIVITY SPACE, BUILDING C

Tucked away in a roadside oasis in Northern California's small town of Hopland, the Solar Living Institute (SLI) works to promote sustainable living through environmental education.

This month at Fort Mason Center, SLI instructors teach workshops on making and using biodiesel, finding your dream job in the biodiesel field, reducing your global greenhouse gas emissions, investing in the green economy, and designing energy-efficient buildings.

Established in 1998 by the founder of the Real Goods Trading Company, the Institute puts on the annual SolFest, the premier renewable energy event in the western United States, along with a diverse series of regular workshops and programs. SLI also manages the Solar Living Center, a 12-acre renewable energy and sustainable living demonstration site visited by 200,000 people annually. The Center features a large solar array that generates 160,000 kilowatt hours of renewable energy each year, a 4,400 square foot organic garden, and a biodiesel fueling station.

For more about the Solar Living Institute's February workshops see the Environment category on this page or visit www.solarliving.org. — *AL*

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classes. Tue&Thur 7:30-9pm & Sun 11am-1pm, call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 939-4940

Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C sfmantis@aol.com (415) 750-9201

Tai Chi Morning Workout Improve health & balance & reduce stress w/certified instructor Zach Ma. All levels. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8:30-9:30am $40/mo Bldg C (650) 755-2661

Tai Chi Practice Cloud Hands West offers a course on how to improve your strength, flexibility, sense of balance & inner well-being. Ongoing Sat 8:30-10am $10/mo Bldg C (415) 499-1561

PERFORMING ARTS

BATS Improv Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Chinese Dance Academy see Children's classes

● **Improv Open Workshop** Explore spontaneity & creativity in a stimulating, fun & supportive environment w/games, stage skills, body awareness & laughter. No experience needed. Ongoing Sat 1-4pm $10/class FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (650) 225-9095

Meisner Technique Of Acting Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Steinberg Adler teaches the Meisner Technique. Utilizing exercises, scene & monologue work, the course focuses on the development & use of instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing Mon&Thur 6:45-9:45pm Call for cost Bldg C & Gatehouse www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

The Meisner Technique School Of Acting offers classes taught by founder Jim Jarrett, who spent four years as Mr. Meisner's protégé being groomed to carry on his legacy. Two ongoing courses offered: Sat 9am-noon (no class 3/17 or 3/24) & Tue 7-10pm or Mon 7-10pm & Thur 7-10pm $300/mo Bldg C & Gatehouse www.jarrettproductions.com (208) 720-7888

Performing Arts Workshop Internships, schools residencies, workshops & materials for performers, teachers & artists in schools. Bldg C www.pawsf.org (415) 673-2634

Young Performers Theatre see Children's Classes

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Marriage Prep 101 Create a foundation for lifelong marriage in Drs. Michelle & Patrick Gannon's award-winning weekend workshop for premarital & newlywed couples. Learn communication, conflict resolution & intimacy enhancement skills. 3/9&10 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm $395/couple includes refreshments, catered lunch, workbooks & novelties. Bldg C www.marriageprep101.com (415) 905-8830

Pickup 101 Lance Mason offers intensive seminars for men on becoming irresistable to women. Bldgs B&C www.pickup101.com (877) 742-5879

Art Of Attraction Workshop "Attract women like a magnet attracts iron." 3/9-11 Fri 5pm-1:30am Sat 10am-1:30am Sun 10am-8pm $1682

Art Of Rapport Workshop "How to find your soulmate... for a year or a night." 3/16-18 Fri 10am-10pm Sat 10am-10pm Sun 10am-8pm $2282

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

Basic Italic Learn the basic letterforms & the rhythm & spacing that gives italic its distinctive appearance. 3/6-4/17 Tue 6:30-9pm $140 (plus supplies) Bldg C www.friendsofcalligraphy.org (415) 921-1120

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus AM & PM classes (3 units college credit each) in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, prints & sculpture. See website for details. $20/unit Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1860

Designing for Fun & Profit Professional training in surface pattern design sponsored by Surface Design Assn. 1/30-5/8 Tue 7:15-9:45pm $560 Bldg C www.imagewestdesign.com (415) 482-9856

Screenwriting As A Pro If you're an aspiring or professional screenwriter, actor, or filmmaker, screenwriter/novelist James Dalessandro can show you the secrets of writing screenplays Hollywood will love. Open to all levels. Call for schedule & cost. reg req Bldg C www.we-penguins.com (415) 491-1906

SF Children's Art Center see Children's Classes

FORT MASON CENTER DIRECTORY

FMC RESIDENTS

Fort Mason Center houses 30 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, and much more. Contact the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

BUILDING A

Fort Mason Foundation (415) 441-3400
Greens Restaurant (415) 771-6222
Greens To Go (415) 771-6222
Special Events (415) 771-7955
Long Now Foundation (415) 561-6582
SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery (415) 441-4777
Visitor Information (415) 441-3400

BUILDING B

BATS Improv/Bayfront Theater Office (415) 474-6776 Box Office (415) 474-8935
California Lawyers For The Arts: Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services (415) 775-7715
City College Of San Francisco Coffee Gallery (415) 561-1840
Continuing Education (415) 561-1860
Fort Mason Art Campus (415) 561-1840
Cooks & Company (415) 673-4137
Marine Exchange (415) 441-6600
Ploughshares Fund (415) 775-2244

BUILDING C

Animal Switchboard (415) 474-4021
Book Bay Bookstore (415) 771-1076
California Lawyers For The Arts (415) 775-7200
Chinese Cultural Productions/Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. (415) 474-4829
Environmental Traveling Companions (415) 474-7662
Italian American Cultural Center (415) 673-2200
Museo ItaloAmericano (415) 673-2200
Performing Arts Workshop (415) 673-2634
SF Children's Art Center (415) 771-0292
Tuolumne River Trust (415) 292-3531
Young Performers Theatre (415) 346-5550

BUILDING D

Blue Bear School Of Music (415) 673-3600
Friends Of The SF Public Library (415) 771-3777
Magic Theatre Office (415) 441-8001 Box office (415) 441-8822
Radio Bilingüe (415) 674-0925
Resource Renewal Institute (415) 928-3774
Green Century Project
Green Plan Center
Water Heritage Trust
World Arts West (415) 474-3914

BUILDING E

SF Maritime National Historical Park Headquarters (415) 561-7000
Collections Storage Facility (415) 561-7060
SF Documents Department (415) 561-7070
SF Maritime National Historical Park Library/J. Porter Shaw Library (415) 561-7030

PIERS

MIDDLE PIER
Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
Fort Mason Box Office (415) 345-7575
Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
EAST PIER
Festival Pavilion (415) 441-3400

LOCATION & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Fort Mason Center

FORT MASON CENTER

East Bay Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

North Bay Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

Peninsula/South Bay US 101 North to 9th St. Exit; 9th across Market & left on Hayes; right on Franklin; left on Bay; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center

HERBST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL Located in the Presidio, Moraga at Montgomery St. on the Main Post. Accessible through the following Presidio Gates: Marina (Marina Blvd. & Lyon St.); Lombard (Lombard & Lyon St.); Presidio Blvd. (Presidio & Pacific St.); or Arguello (Arguello Blvd. & Jackson St.). www.presidiotrust.gov/directions/transit.asp

TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS

Bay Area-Wide: www.511.org or call 817-1717 or 511 from any area code
East Bay BART: www.bart.gov (510) 465-2278
North Bay Golden Gate Transit: www.goldengate.org (415) 455-2000
Peninsula/South Bay CalTrain: www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287
San Francisco MUNI: www.sfmuni.com (415) 673-6864
Herbst International Exhibition Hall: Presidio Shuttle Service www.presidio.gov/Visiting/DirectionsShuttle/PresidiGo

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Parking Rates First hour is Free, 1-1½ hours $1, 1½-2 hours $2, 2-2½ hours $4, 2-3 hours $6, More than 3 hours $8 per day. For more information about parking go to our website www.fortmason.org/aboutus/parking.shtml. Net proceeds from parking fees go toward the restoration and preservation of Fort Mason Center's historic landmark buildings — allowing the Center's unique programs to continue.

More To Come As Creativity Graces A Wide Spectrum Of GGNRA Land

The stretch of national parkland known as the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) has captured the attention of the media and the public in recent years. Look at the extraordinary restoration of Crissy Field and the striking changes in the San Francisco Presidio, the revival of the Cliff House, and the current undertaking to reforest and create new trails at Lands End, which will eventually stretch all the way to the Golden Gate Bridge. There is a sense of reinvigoration all along San Francisco's northern waterfront. And there's more to come, says Brian O'Neill, GGNRA Superintendent.

"We've been focusing on Fort Baker, north of the Golden Gate," O'Neill said. "The land was transferred to us in part in 1987, but the core area was transferred in 2002. We did a comprehensive plan for the highest and best use, and that vision was adopted."

They are now implementing that vision with socially responsible and eco-conscious private partners. What they will create is a Conference Retreat Center at Fort Baker that will include 142 guest rooms close to the center, and establish the Fort Baker Institute.

The Institute will "help identify and organize the kind of thoughtful conferences that we would like to see become the signature activity at that particular site," he said. "We have the keenest interest in subjects such as management of public lands and global environmental issues." He said it would be a special place and is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2008.

The key to the success of these projects and the many others underway is partnerships. Fort Mason Center is a prime example. GGNRA and the Fort Mason Foundation became partners in 1976 — and they have been partners almost as long as GGNRA has existed. With the recent signing of a 60-year lease that allows for long-term strategic planning, the team is looking at ways to reanimate the Fort Mason Center campus and add significant programming.

"We're working with the Foundation to re-envision the Center," O'Neill said. "How do we enliven the spaces and also the outdoor space? How do we bring people to these spaces? How do we provide access?"

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Access is key, he suggests. Extension of the E-Line light rail from the Embarcadero to Fort Mason Center is well into the planning stages. And the Foundation and GGNRA are looking at water transportation — ferries and water taxies, for example.

"We want people to be able to reach Fort Mason Center without the need to drive. We want to make the travel part of the experience," he said.

Fort Mason Center's location between Crissy Field and Fisherman's Wharf is a good thing. However, continuity from one to the other is a challenge. There is only one entrance to the Center's campus from the west and on the east there is a large hill, which leads to Upper Fort Mason and then winds around the hill toward Aquatic Park and Fisherman's Wharf.

"We want to build continuity, but it's a challenge," he said. "We have to protect the shoreline. We'll work with the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and with San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to improve the alignment of the Bay Trail and possibly create a water link through the site so that there will be a smoother flow of traffic."

O'Neill points out that this well-established Foundation-GGNRA partnership has worked well.

"The Fort Mason Foundation has been an instrumentally important partner to the National Park Service," he continued. "We neither can nor should we provide the kind of programming that Fort Mason Center provides. With their volunteer board of trustees, the Foundation has been an absolutely invaluable asset as this park evolved from a military installation to a cultural, educational, and recreational center."

Something seems to be happening everywhere at once on GGNRA land. The seeds of all this bursting activity were planted earlier and have undergone considerable planning and public comment along the way. It is important to know that the seeding and planting continues. Another major GGNRA initiative is the entire trail system, O'Neill said.

"We are asking which trails need to be realigned, looking at how we create new trailhead facilities and what they should look like. We recognize the trails are the portals to all of the places in the entire Golden Gate National Park."

There is also work to be done in the Redwood Creek watershed area. New lodging is planned for the Presidio. There are also plans for the new park property adjacent to Devil's Slide. Even in an era where little parkland is added to the inventory, O'Neill said that Congress recently expanded GGNRA boundaries in San Mateo County.

"It demonstrates that people in the Bay Area feel very strongly about their national parks and we have considerable bipartisan support for our projects." — *RT*

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East Meets West Through Elegant Movement

The Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company blends China's rich history with her own contemporary imagination to bring cross-cultural experience to the San Francisco Bay Area, and has done so since 1988. With roots in China — she was a principal dancer with the Shanghai Opera House — Lily Cai fuses East and West with her own special vision of dance.

San Francisco Chronicle writer Joshunda Sanders said this of Lily Cai: "Though Cai's training in the 5,000-year history of Chinese dance has provided a strong foundation for her work — from classical refinement to the folk traditions of daily life — the sensual facial expressions and overall fluidity in her work are decidedly Western influences." And later, "Even as they mix education and entertainment, Cai's pieces captivate audiences with their theatricality and elegance."

The Los Angeles Times said that the Lily Cai Dance Company has a "...modern sense with Chinese lyricism; a remote, high-fashion sense of cool, along with an emphasis on eye-catching designs."

Cai is a force in the dance community. She's received the Outstanding Achievement In Choreography Award from the Isadora Duncan Awards Committee, and has won many other acknowledgements including awards from the Bay Area Fund for Dance, San Francisco Arts Commission, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Council, Rockefeller Foundation Multi-Arts Production Fund, Dance USA, and the James Irvine Foundation.

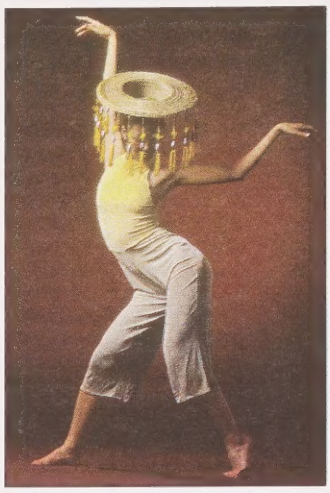
Lily Cai not only brings her blend of eastern and western dance to the Bay Area community, the company travels extensively around the country, and the world.

Noted composer Gang Situ, executive director of Chinese Cultural Productions and thus the Lily Cai Dance Company, explains that he and Lily Cai spend a good deal of time in China, trying to establish stronger cultural relations. It is a way of communicating, bringing some of the West to the East and vice versa.

"It's not always easy," Situ said. "But to have a true cultural exchange it is good to tap the resources there and to bring dancers back here. The visa issue can make that difficult."

Situ brings tremendous resources to the company. Not only does he arrange the business matters, but his accomplishments in music mirror Lily Cai's accomplishments in dance. Also a native of Shanghai, Situ has received numerous awards and fellowships and was featured as the Honored Festival Composer by the 1996 Shanghai International Music Festival. The next year the San Francisco Symphony premiered his *San Francisco Suite*. And he most certainly composes music for Lily Cai's acclaimed dance performances.

While Chinese Cultural Productions offices are here, they perform at venues throughout San Francisco. This year, Fort Mason Center is fortunate to have them perform here at home at the Cowell Theater, once in April and then again in a special program in November. — *RT*



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Lily Cai & Gang Situ

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CHINESE CULTURAL PRODUCTIONS
LILY CAI CHINESE DANCE COMPANY

DESCRIPTION

Chinese Cultural Productions designs and directs artistic programs that have significantly increased Chinese American participation in the Bay Area arts community. They promote greater public awareness of Chinese dance and music, produce original contemporary work that is firmly rooted in Chinese cultural traditions, challenge American conceptions of traditional Chinese and Chinese-American culture, and encourage artists to explore new avenues of self-expression.

FOUNDERS

Lily Cai, Artistic Director
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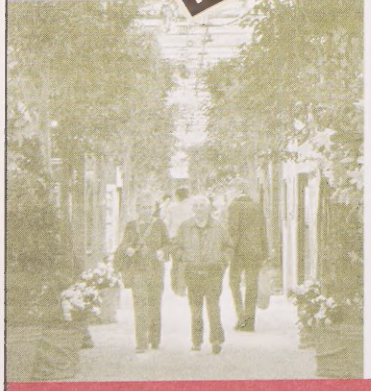

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